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2016 Judicial Elections Seminar

December 2, 2015
Hall of Justice Conference Center
Lansing, Michigan

INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI) is pleased to offer a judicial elections seminar, presented simultaneously on-site* and as a WebEx**, for all *judicial officers* with a 2016 judicial election.

This seminar will offer materials and presentations that review the applicable election laws, campaign finance laws, ethics rules affecting judicial campaigns, and best practices to ensure a judge's safety while campaigning in the community.

SCHEDULE

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. On-site Registration/Online Log-on

9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Seminar Presentations

- Ballot Access, Petition, Circulation, and Affidavit Requirements
- Filing for Candidacy, Campaign Reports, and Proper Contributions
- Avoiding Common Ethical Issues in Campaign Activities
- Ensuring Safety While Campaigning in the Community
- Questions and Answers

12:15 p.m. Seminar Adjourns

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

This seminar is designed for all *judicial officers* with a 2016 judicial election. On-site registration is limited to 90 participants and applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no limit for the number of online participants.

LODGING AND MEALS

Due to budget constraints, MJI will not provide lodging accommodations. Incidentals, including lunch, mileage, phone calls, etc., are the responsibility of each individual or his/her funding unit.

Facility space constraints will not allow MJI to make any arrangements to accommodate campaign managers, spouses, family, or friends of a seminar participant.

^{*} Please note: The Michigan Bureau of Elections will have staff on site to assist on-site seminar participants with forms and questions.

^{**} WebEx uses telephone and internet to connect the participant via computer.

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MJI seminars are offered at facilities that accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations during the seminar, please indicate your needs when registering.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MJI is pleased to offer online registration for this seminar. If you plan to attend on-site **or** by online, please use the following link to register: http://courts.michigan.gov/MjiOnline. Use the invitation code: 82B9B7. Please use **Internet Explorer** as your browser when registering for this seminar. (Registering for the online option enables us to e-mail specific instructions and materials to you.)

The seminar registration deadline is Friday, November 20, 2015.

<u>Please note:</u> Online sessions, either live or archived, can only be viewed from a computer with a sound card. MJI will e-mail specific online instructions.

Those planning to view the archived seminar AFTER the session date (12/2/15) do NOT need to register. Approximately two weeks following the live presentation, the archived seminar will be available on demand via the MJI website: http://courts.michigan.gov/education/mji.

CONFIRMATION

Applicants for online participation will be e-mailed an Invitation to join prior to the date of the seminar.

Applicants for on-site attendance will be e-mailed a confirmation memorandum detailing specific on-site registration information. If you do not receive confirmation of your attendance by November 27, please contact MJI as indicated below.

If you have any questions regarding registration, contact Heather Leidi, 517-373-7229 or <u>LeidiH@courts.mi.gov</u>. If you have questions regarding the content of the seminar, contact Bradene Moore, 517-373-2545 or <u>MooreB@courts.mi.gov</u>.

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